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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR
SUBJECT: THIRD-COUNTRY ISSUES

REF: STATE 172095

1. SUBJECTS RAISED FOR COMMENT IN REFTEL ARE ADDRESSED
IN SAME ORDER BELOW:

A. DISMANTLING OF OAS SANCTIONS HAS BEEN MATTER OF
FIRST IMPORTANCE FOR GOM IN REGIONAL AFFAIRS. AS YOU KNOW,
NOT ONLY RABASA BUT PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA HAS HAMMERED AWAY
AT THIS ISSUE FOR A LONG TIME. DESPITE RABASA'S COMMENT IN
SAN JOSE EXPRESSING LESS THAN TOTAL SATISFACTION WITH CON-
FERENCE RESULTS, I AM SURE HE IS PLEASED. THE SAME IS TRUE
OF ECHEVERRIA, NOW IN THE MIDDLE EAST. OBVIOUSLY, THE
MEXICANS WILL CLAIM AS MUCH CREDIT AS POSSIBLE FOR THE SAN
JOSE RESULTS BUT THERE SHOULD ALSO BE A FAVORABLE FALL-OUT
IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

B. RECIPROCAL MOVES BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CUBA, DEPENDING
UPON THEIR NATURE, WOULD MAKE FAVORABLE IMPRESSION HERE.
GIVEN SUCCESS OF SAN JOSE MEETING FROM GOM VIEW, TEDIOUS
OR PROLONGED PROCESS IN IMPROVING U.S.-CUBA RELATIONS MIGHT
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C. A NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATY, ACCEPTABLE TO PANAMA, WOULD BE EXTREMELY WELL RECEIVED HERE. MEXICO HAS BEEN IN FOREFRONT OF THOSE PRESSING US TO CONCLUDE A TREATY.

D. A BREAKDOWN IN TREATY NEGOTIATIONS, UNLESS CLEARLY NOT THE FAULT OF THE USG, WOULD UNQUESTIONABLY SUBJECT US TO SHARP CRITICISM FROM GOM AND IN LOCAL PRESS.

E. AT SOMEWHAT LESSER LEVEL OF INTENSITY, FAILURE TO GET OPEC EXCLUSION FROM GSP IN THE TRA REMOVED WOULD ALSO DRAW CRITICISM.

2. WITH RESPECT TO E. ABOVE, WE MUST REMEMBER THAT MEXICO HAS TRADITIONALLY STRONGLY OPPOSED WHAT THEY SAW AS ECONOMIC AGGRESSION. EVEN THOUGH MEXICO MAY BENEFIT FROM TRA, GOM IS ON PRINCIPLE OPPOSED TO EXCLUSION CITED AND WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY FEEL BOUND TO EXPRESS SOLIDARITY WITH L.A. COUNTRIES AFFECTED. SIMILARLY, WITH RESPECT TO D, THOUGH CANAL TREATY DOES NOT IMPINGE DIRECTLY UPON MEXICAN VITAL INTERESTS, GOM WILL CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE STRONG SUPPORT FOR PANAMA.

3. MY LETTER TO YOU OF JULY 22 ADDRESSES IN SOMEWHAT GREATER DETAIL ASPECTS OF THESE THIRD COUNTRY ISSUES WHICH UNDER ECHEVERRIA ADMINISTRATION ARE SO SIGNIFICANT IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.
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